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I. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

May 1985

To the Honorable Richard W. Riley, Governor of South Carolina, and Members of the General Assembly of South Carolina:

The Joint Legislative Study Committee on Aging is pleased to transmit the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Committee.

This has been a year of change. Our beloved chairman, Senator Hyman Rubin, who had served on the Committee since its reactivation in 1969 and as Chairman since 1977 was not returned to the Senate in the 1984 election. Having served with Senator Rubin since 1969 as Secretary from 1973 to 1977 and Vice-Chairman since 1977, I can certainly attest to his compassion for the elderly of our state.

I appreciate the confidence the Committee has placed in me upon my election as Chairman at our meeting November 29th. Serving with me as officers will be Rep. Dave Waldrop, Newberry, as Vice-Chairman and Dr. C. Julian Parrish, Columbia, gubernatorial appointee as Secretary. Lt. Governor Michael Daniel has reappointed Senators Peden B. McLeod, Walterboro, and William W. Doar, Jr., Georgetown, and appointed Senator Isadore Lourie, Columbia. Senator Lourie returns to the Committee, having served previously as a House member and Vice-Chairman from 1969-1972. Rep. Dill Blackwell, Travelers Rest, will continue his service, completing the House membership on the Committee. We are grateful that the other gubernatorial appointees, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Rock Hill, and Mrs. Gloria H. Sholin, Hilton Head, will continue.

One of the first orders of business of the new Committee was to introduce a concurrent resolution commending Senator Rubin for his leadership. It passed both Houses unanimously. We also participated in a reception to recognize Senator Rubin sponsored by the South Carolina Federation of Older Americans and the S.C. Commission on Aging.

Statistics abound regarding the dramatic increase in the elderly population. Of all the numbers

available about our population, the most startling is that in South Carolina the 60+ population increased by 45% from 1970 to 1980, whereas the total state population increased by only 20.4%. By the year 1990, it is projected that those persons 60+ will represent 15.1% of our total population, and of these persons, 27.1% will be 75+. National analysts cite this rapid increase among older persons to be chiefly the result of the high birth rate which took place prior to World War I, the high level of immigration during that time and a decline in the mortality rates. As recently as 1900 in America, the average life expectancy was only 47 years! Today we have achieved a 55% rise in the average life expectancy to 73 years.

The graying of the nation is fraught with social and political implications, and South Carolina has her share. Our Committee has accepted the challenge implicit in these changes and will seek initiatives to improve the quality of life for older South Carolinians. However, we cannot do this alone. We are encouraged by support from individuals, agencies, and organizations in our endeavors.

We are pleased that the Medical University of South Carolina has secured the services of Dr. Allen H. Johnson to chair the McKnight-Boyle Chair of Gerontology. Dr. Johnson is eminently qualified for this position and we look forward to the contributions that he and his colleagues will make in the field of geriatrics.

Among the numerous private groups with whom we work are the SC Federation of Older Americans, the American Association of Retired Persons, the SC Retired Educators Association, and the SC Association of Council on Aging Directors. We appreciate this opportunity to publicly commend these groups for their dedicated service to our present and future "citizens with seniority."

We appreciate the excellent cooperation we receive from the Governor's office and our State agencies: the Commission on Aging, the Department of Social Services, the SC Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Tax Commission, the State Re-

tirement System, the Comptroller General's office, the State Reorganization Commission, the State Library, and, of course, from our colleagues in the House and Senate whose interest and sensitivity help us to achieve our legislative goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick B. Harris, Chairman, Representative
Dave C. Waldrop, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Representative
Dr. C. Julian Parrish, Secretary, Gubernatorial
Appointee
Dill Blackwell, Representative
William W. Doar, Jr., Senator
Peden B. McLeod, Senator
Isadore E. Lourie, Senator
Mrs. Gloria H. Sholin, Gubernatorial Appointee
Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Gubernatorial Appointee

II. BRIEF HISTORY

In 1959 the first joint legislative committee "to study the needs and problems relating to the aged citizens in South Carolina," was created. Representative Martha Thomas Fitzgerald of Columbia was the first chairperson. This Committee continued its work until 1963. By 1969 the need for a committee to study the problems of the elderly in South Carolina was again evident and the legislature created such a committee under Concurrent Resolution No. 1286. This Committee continued under the authority of continuing resolutions until 1978 when the General Assembly found "the Committee to Study Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities of the Aging fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and that the functions of the Committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent Committee," Act 402, Appendix E.

The Committee is made up of three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, three members of the House, appointed by the Speaker, and three members appointed by the Governor. The Committee has had four chairmen. Representative Martha Thomas Fitzgerald from Columbia was the first serving from 1959 to 1963. Governor Richard

W. Riley, then Senator from Greenville, served from 1969-1976. Hyman Rubin, Senator, Richland, Chester, Fairfield Counties, was Chairman from 1977-1984. Representative Patrick B. Harris, Anderson, is the current Chairman, elected on November 29, 1984. Representative Dave C. Waldrop, Newberry, was elected Vice-Chairman and Dr. C. Julian Parrish, Gubernatorial Appointee from Columbia was elected Secretary. Other members currently serving are Senator Isadore E. Lourie, Columbia, appointed by Lt. Governor Michael Daniel to succeed Senator Rubin. Continuing from the Senate are Peden B. McLeod, Walterboro, and William W. Doar, Jr., Georgetown. From the House, Rep. Dill Blackwell, Travelers Rest, joins his colleagues. Others appointed by Governor Riley who are continuing are Mrs. Gloria H. Sholin, Hilton Head, and Dr. J. Carlisle Holler, Rock Hill. Sarah C. Shuptrine, Director, Governor's Division of Health and Human Services was the first Director of Research. Keller H. Barron, formerly Bumgardner, succeeded her as Director of Research in 1979. Former members who have contributed their time and talents to the Committee are listed in Appendix F.

Legislation related to aging interests enacted since 1969 is summarized in Appendix D. The current status of legislation related to aging interests introduced by the Committee and others during the 1985 session is included in Sections IV, V and VI of this report.

III. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS 1985 SESSION

The annual public hearing of the Study Committee on Aging was held on September 20, 1984. Thirty-four persons appeared before the Committee and written testimony was submitted by five persons. State agencies, commissions, organizations, service delivery groups and individual interests were represented.

The record of the hearing is available in the office of the Committee 335 D Blatt Building. Copies of the transcription were sent to interested

state agencies and upon request to other organizations and individuals.

Following the hearing, the Committee met on November 29, 1984 to review the testimony and plan the outlook for work for the coming legislative session. Many ideas brought forward in the public hearing and through other contacts were very helpful, pointing to present and future needs and contributing valuable guidance as to immediate priorities.

The Committee's legislative priorities and Committee assignments for the 1985 session follow. The current legislative status is detailed in Section IV.

LEGISLATION PREFILED

Community Services for Functionally Impaired Older Persons, H.2034, S.42 (S.492)

This bill would provide funds for services for health impaired elderly persons to help them to remain in their homes. These services would include home-delivered meals, homemaker services and adult day care. Persons would be eligible based on their need for the services rather than their lack of ability to pay. Payment would be made on a sliding scale formula. Monies generated would be used for additional services. The S.C. Commission on Aging would formulate the regulations for the program.

Death with Dignity, H.2041, S.46

In the House members of the Committee joined twenty others to sponsor this legislation. This bill provides that a person may declare in advance in writing properly witnessed his right not to have his dying hours prolonged by medical intervention. Statewide groups in support of Death with Dignity legislation include: South Carolina Baptist Convention, Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee; Lutheran Church in America, Social Ministry Committee, Lutheran Synod; United Methodist Church, S.C. Conference; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Christian Action Council, South Carolina Medical Association, South Carolina Nurses Association, South Carolina Gerontological Society,

South Carolina Commission on Aging, American Association of Retired Persons, Legislative Committee; South Carolina Federation of Older Americans, Legislative Forum; South Carolina Public Health Association.

Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia have passed Living Will legislation and four are awaiting the Governor's signature. These states are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Awaiting Governor's signature are: Colorado, Maryland, New Hampshire, Tennessee.

Homestead Exemption: H.2045, S.50

This bill would increase the exemption on the homestead for persons 65 and over, permanently blind or disabled from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Concurrent Resolution Commending Senator Hyman Rubin, H.2086

The Committee desired to recognize Senator Hyman Rubin for his excellent leadership and sensitivity to the concerns of older South Carolinians. The Resolution passed both Houses unanimously. Chairman Harris presented the Resolution to Senator Rubin on behalf of the Committee at a reception sponsored by the S.C. Federation of Older Americans, the S.C. Commission on Aging and the Committee, March 6, 1985.

SUB COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Bill of Rights for Residents in Long Term-Care Facilities, Senator Doar, Rep. Blackwell

After a review of the comparison of the Bill of Rights to the federal standards for intermediate and skilled facilities for Medicaid and Medicare patients, it was determined that private-pay patients, not covered by the federal standards, would benefit from the bill as proposed by the Ombudsman office. H.2521 and S.316 (417) were introduced in March.

Burial Fees for Indigents, Mrs. Gloria H. Sholin

Ombudsman Bill Bradley submitted testimony at the

Committee's Annual Public Hearing, concerning the need for burial fees for indigents in various counties around the state.

A survey was devised to address this issue and sent to County Chief Administrators and Department of Social Services County Directors. As a result of the information received and compiled by Columbia College intern Mandy Joy, Mrs. Sholin recommended, and the Committee agreed, not to seek a state appropriation this year.

Probate Code Revision, Senator Isadore E. Lourie, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler

Members of the Committee in the House joined in sponsoring a bill proposing revision along with the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee Robert Sheheen and members Joe Anderson and Larry Gentry. This version, H.2792, reserves inclusion of the provision to require that a surviving spouse may elect to share in one-third of the decedent's estate. The Senate version S.418, sponsored by Senators John Hayes, Tom Smith and member Isadore Lourie includes this provision. Both bills as introduced include Reporter's comments by James L. LeBlanc.

The revision of the probate code has been under study for nearly ten years. Dr. Carlisle Holler met with the Governor on this issue. The Governor called for revision in his "State of the State" address and sent a letter to the General Assembly stating, "No circumstances more suddenly or surely thrust us as citizens into the legal framework of our government than death and disability. Yet, our present system of laws relating to these events offers only a jumbled mass of rules that result in a time consuming, cumbersome, and expensive process for anyone seeking their guidance."

In the opinion of James C. Hardin, III, a member of the S.C. Bar, which supports revision, the best features of the revision as proposed are:

- (1) Its flexible system of probate and estate administration should simplify the administration of most estates and render probate a less expensive proposition for the average South Carolinian.

(2) It enhances and clarifies the jurisdiction of the Probate Courts.

(3) It unifies South Carolina statutes concerning guardian and ward relationships.

(4) It clarifies South Carolina law in the area of joint ownership of bank accounts, securities and other property held in joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

(5) It introduces a coherent system for dealing with multi-state controversies in the probate area.

(6) Based on the Uniform Probate Code, its similarity to other state probate codes should ease the burdens on those who move into our state.

Hospital Cost Containment, Senator Isadore Lourie, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler

The Committee has worked on this issue in cooperation with Medically Indigent Legislation, H. 2118, S.112

Mandatory Retirement, Dr. C. Julian Parrish, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler

Presently, South Carolina requires mandatory retirement at age 70, with yearly extension to 72. Effective January 1, 1979 federal law eliminated mandatory retirement based on age alone for federal employees. As of 1984, 25 states have removed age limitations for state employees.

The Committee introduced legislation which would make it unlawful to require any person paid by public funds to retire or leave employment on the basis of age alone (exempting law enforcement personnel and firefighters), H.2698, S.44.

Cost of Living, Senator McLeod, Dr. C. Julian Parrish, Dr. J. Carlisle Holler

Information is to be gathered regarding the cost of living increase for retiring state employees as to the percentage from the system and the general fund and as to form whether on the base or as a bonus. A report is to be requested from the State Retirement System regarding the base on which retirement payments are made, with special attention to persons retiring before 1972.

The State Retirement System has recommended a technical amendment, S.476, to transfer the assets of the Post Retirement Increase Special Fund to the

Employer Annuity Accumulation Fund in order to insure the solvency of the fund.

Long Term Care Insurance, Rep. Dave Waldrop, Rep. Pat Harris

The Committee expects to work cooperatively with the Health and Human Services Finance Commission to study the availability, public policies, regulations and public interest in long term care insurance.

Nursing Home Client Screening, Rep. Dave Waldrop, Rep. Pat Harris

Review of mandatory screening statewide for all clients applying for nursing home admission to determine the appropriate level of care is being considered.

Homestead Exemption Increase, Senator William W. Doar, Jr.

Legislation has been introduced to increase the exemption to \$30,000, H.2045, S.50.

IV. STATUS OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON AGING, 1985 SESSION

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u> | | | |
| To establish a program of community services for functionally impaired older persons and to provide funds | S.42 S.492 | Doar, McLeod, Lourie. Medical Affairs Committee Bill | Ref. Sen. Med. Affrs. 12/11/84 Reported out fav. as Committee Bill, Ref. Sen. Fin., recom- mended \$500,000 in Appro. Bill FY85-86, cut to \$250,000 in Conf. |
| Amended to allow Commission on Aging to promulgate regulations | H.2034 | P. Harris, Blackwell, Waldrop | Ref. House Ways and Means, 12/10/84 Sub-Comm. Hearing 5/7/85 |
| <u>DEATH WITH DIGNITY</u> | | | |
| To authorize an adult to make a written directive instruct- ing his physician to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures in the event of a terminal condition | S.46 H.2041 | Doar, McLeod, Lourie Keyserling, P. Harris, Waldrop, Blackwell, Snow, Altman, Sheheen, Klapman, T.M. Burris, L.Hendricks, Huff, Hughston, J. Ander- son, Kirsh, T. Rogers, Blanding, Jones, Pearce, Simpson, Lewis, Freeman, Short, (Moss) | Ref. Sen. Med. Affrs. 12/11/84 Sub-Committee Public Hearing 2/20/85 Ref. House Judiciary, 12/10/84 <u>Passed House 2/14/85, (66-34)</u> Ref. Senate Judiciary 2/19/85 Reported out 3/20/85, Maj. Fav., Min. Unfav., on Cal. for 2nd reading. Set for Spec. Order 5/9/85 (29-6) Passed 2nd reading with amend- ments, 6/3/85 |

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION</u> To increase the exempt. from the first \$20,000 of the fair market value of the dwelling place to the 1st \$30,000 beginning with the 1985 tax year | S.50 | Doar, McLeod, Lourie | Ref. Senate Finance 12/17/84 |
| | H.2045 | P. Harris, Blackwell, Waldrop | Ref. House Ways and Means 12/17/84 |
| A Joint Resolution to extend the deadline for making written application for Homestead Exemption to June 15 for 1985 tax year only. | <u>S.659</u> | Waddell (roll of the Senate) | Passed Senate 5/31/85 Passed House 6/5/85 R.225 Extended to July 5, Appro. Bill |
| <u>COMMENDATION HYMAN RUBIN</u> To commend and recognize the Hon. Hyman Rubin of Richland County as a mem. of the S.C. Sen. and Chrmn. of the Sen. Med. Affairs Comm. and the Jt. Legislative Study Comm. on Aging. | H.2086 | P. Harris, Blackwell, McLeod | Passed 1/9/85 |
| <u>BILL OF RIGHTS</u> Bill to provide Bill of Rights for residents of Long-Term Care facilities | H.2521 | P. Harris, Blackwell and Waldrop | Ref. to House Med., Mil., Pub., and Mun. Affairs 3/5/85 |
| | S.316 | Doar, McLeod and Lourie | Ref. to Sen. Med. Affrs. 3/6/85 |
| | <u>S.417</u> | Medical Affairs Comm. Bill | Reported out fav, as Comm. Bill Passed Senate 4/10/85 Passed House 5/22/85 R.177 |

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>MANDATORY RETIREMENT</u> | | | |
| To provide that no person whose compensation or any portion thereof is paid from public funds may be required to retire from or leave his employment on the basis of age alone, exceptions for law enforcement and fire fighting personnel. | H.2698 | P. Harris, Blackwell, Waldrop | Ref. to House Ways and Means 3/28/85 |
| | S.447 | Doar | Ref. to Sen. Finance 4/19/85 |
| <u>PROBATE CODE</u> | | | |
| To provide for the South Carolina probate code which consolidates and revises aspects of Law in this state relating to the general probate definitions, provisions, and jurisdiction, intestate successions and will, probate of wills and administration of decedent's estates, local and foreign personal reps. protection of persons under disability and their property, non-probate transfers, and trusts and trust administration | S.481 | J. Hayes, Lourie, T. Smith | Ref. to Senate Judiciary 4/9/85, Ref. to Sub-Comm 4/16/85 T. Smith, Chairman, J. Hayes, Bryan |
| | H.2792 | Sheheen, J. Anderson Gentry, P. Harris, Waldrop, Blackwell | Referred to House Jud. 4/11/85 Reported out fav. for 2nd reading 5/15/85 Passed House 5/23/85 |
| | (exclusive of elective share provisions) | | |

V. STATUS OF SELECTED LEGISLATION RELATED TO AGING INTERESTS, 1985 SESSION

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS</u> To increase to \$6,000 the deductions allowed from gross income for certain retirement pay, to eliminate certain restrictions on persons eligible, to authorize survivors to claim same deductions dollar amount deductions annually adjusted for impact of inflation. | H.2020 | F.X. Archibald. P. Harris, Waldrop and 52 others | Ref. House Ways & Means 12/3/84 Chairman, Rep Tom Magnum, Sub-Comm., Kirsh 12/6/84 Adjourned debate 1/29/85 Approp. Bill amendment passed by House exempts \$3,000 for all retirees, cut to \$2,100 in Conf. Amended by Sen. Finance to take effect 1986 |
| | S.18 | G.F. McConnell | Ref. Senate Finance. 11/19/84 Chairman, Sen. Rembert Dennis |
| <u>INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS</u> To increase from \$1,200 to \$12,000 the deduction allowed from gross income for retired persons receiving federal civil service retirement annuity, eliminate 20 yr. active duty and 65 year age requirements, to allow if receive pension program, to authorize survivor to claim same deduction, dollar amount of deduction annually adjusted for impact of inflation. | H.2044 | F. L. Day | Ref. House Ways and Means 12/31/84 Chairman, Rep. Tom Magnum 2/5/85 Tabled in House Ways and Means Comm. |

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>MEDICALLY INDIGENT</u> To provide for a plan to assist the Medically Indigent and require Health and Human Services Finance Comm. and Dept. of Ins. to conduct a study of low income families with burdensome medical expenses, requires Governor's office, Division of Human Resource Management, B&C Board to study current methods for providing health care benefits for state employees, Dept. of Ins. to review individual and group health plans, Health Care Planning and Oversight to study the development of a competitive model for state health care systems, require State Department of Education to investigate feasibility of increasing technological and financial support for full implementation of health education requirements and provide penalty. | H.2118 | R. Helmly, Cooper, Evatt Foster, Hawkins, L. Hendricks, Washington, White, Winstead, Woods | Ref. Med., Mil., Pub., and Mun. Affairs Comm. 1/10/85 Chairman, Rep. D. Hawkins 2/27/85 Comm. report-Fav. with amendments 2/28/85 Ref. to House Ways and Means Comm. Included in Appropriation Bill as passed by House and recommended by Senate Finance Ref. Senate Medical Affairs 1/17/85, J.V. Smith |

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION</u> To change the amount of the exemption to first 30% but not less than \$10,000, beginning 1985. | H.2230 | Rawl, Aydlette, J. Bradley, Dangerfield, Foxworth, Kohn, Martin, Washington, Woods | Ref. House Ways and Means 1/24/85 Tabled 2/5/85 |
| To allow the exemption to persons otherwise eligible for the tax year in which they reach 65. | H.2450 | J. Bradley | Ref. House Ways & Means 2/13/85 Tabled |
| To permit a person entitled to partial exemption to claim full exemption, if he is only person residing in dwelling place. | H.2412 | Blackwell, Alexander, Brett, Rice, Shelton | Ref. House Ways & Means 2/13/85 Sub-Comm. P. Harris |
| <u>HOSPITAL RATE REVIEW</u> To regulate hospital costs and to create a Hospital Care Cost Review Board. | H.2135 | Klapman, S. Anderson, Bailey, T.M. Burriss, Bennett, Chamblee, Cork, Davenport, Fair, Kirsh, Koon, McBride, Sharpe, Simpson, Snow, Sturkie, Williams | Ref. House Med., Mil., Pub. and Mun. Affrs. 1/15/85. Ref. to Sub-Comm., Paul Derrick, Chairman |
| <u>JURY SERVICE</u> To revise the procedure for preparing Jury Lists to draw from driver's license and identification card lists, to exempt men and women over 70 if they so choose. | H.2026 | Kirsh | Lost in House (47-43), 2/21/85 |

DescriptionBill No. SponsorsStatusESTATE TAX

To increase the exemption
allowed for estate tax
purposes from \$120,000 to
\$600,000

S.257 Courson

Ref. to Senate Finance 2/13/85

TERM LIMITATION FOR STATE BDS

Terms of members of state
boards, committees, and com-
missions appointed by the Gov.
or elected by the Gen. Assembly
to two successive terms or
twelve years, whichever is
longer, except where the
person concerned is paid an
annual salary by the State and
to exempt lifetime members of
the Clemson University Board
of Trustees and any person
whose term has not expired.

H.2054 Keyserling,
D.M. Beasley

Passed by House 1/30/85
Ref. to Committee on General
1/31/85, Sen. Holland, Chairman
Tabled 2/13/85

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>PROBATE JUDGES</u> | | | |
| To declare the Probate Courts to be a part of the Unified Judicial System, to establish a salary schedule based on population funded by General Assembly, to include in Judicial Retirement System | H.2376 | W.S. Anderson, Altman, J.L. Harris, Washington, Bailey, Beasley, Cleveland, Davenport, Waldrop, Faber, Felder, Ferguson, Foster, Griffin, Sturkie, Harvin, Hawkins, L. Hendricks, Huff, Johnson, Russell, Lake, Limehouse, McBride, Neilson, Ogburn, Petty, Phillips, Woods | Ref. to House Judiciary 2/12/85 Re-committed to Const. Laws Sub-Comm. Jean Toal, 3/5/85 |
| | S.211 | T.E. Smith, Branton, Bryan, Doar, Fielding, Holland, Long, Mitchell, Newman, Peeler, Ravenel, Theodore | Ref. to Senate Judiciary 2/6/85 Sub-Comm. T. Smith Chm., Courson, Hayes, 3/5/85 |
| <u>REGIONAL TRANSPORT. AUTHORITIES</u> | | | |
| To exempt municipal utilities and regional transportation authorities from Public Service Commission regulation (provide for organization and funding) must be non-profit, shall exist for public purposes exempt from taxation. | S.246 | Lourie, Lee, Theodore | Ref. to Sen. Judiciary 2/13/85 Passed Senate 3/27/85 Reported out Favorable, House Education and Public Works Obj. on 2nd reading |
| <u>DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE</u> | | | |
| Relating to reduction of points and minimum standards and conditions of operation of driver training schools. | H.2381 | Carnell | Ref. to House Education and Public Works, 1/31/85 Tabled in Sub-comm. |

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Bill No.</u> | <u>Sponsors</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| <u>HOME HEALTH SERVICE</u> To provide for promulgation of standards relating to Home Health Services and repeal requirements for Certification of Need. | H.2226 | J.F. Anderson | Ref. to House Med., Mil., Pub., and Mun. Affairs Comm. |
| | S.285 | V. Smith, Martin | Ref. to Sen. Med. Affrs. 2/26/85 |
| <u>COST OF LIVING</u> To transfer the assets of the Post-retirement Increase Special Fund to the Employer Annuity Accumulation Fund | S.476 | | Passed Senate 4/30/85, House Ways and Means |
| <u>PUBLIC UTILITIES</u> Public Service Commission may not grant and any gas, water, heat, telephone, electric utility may not impose any rate increase which on an annual basis is greater than the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year. | S.291 | Powell, Mitchell, Newman, Thomas | Ref. to Senate Judiciary 2/26/85 |

VI. STATUS OF COMMITTEE INTERESTS GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 1985-86

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Budget and Control Board</u> | | <u>House Passed</u> | | <u>Senate Finance</u> | |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>State Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> | <u>State Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> | <u>State Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
| Community Long Term Care Pro. (Sec. 40) | \$3,722,027 | \$14,270,770 | \$3,722,027 | \$14,270,770 | \$3,722,027 | \$14,270,770 |
| Nursing Home Providers (Sec. 40) | 26,788,044 | 98,848,871 | 26,788,044 | 98,848,871 | 26,788,044 | 98,848,871 |
| Commission on Aging (Sec. 50) | 1,515,086 | 11,828,605 | 1,517,075 | 11,830,594 | 2,034,026 (500,00 for community svcs) | 12,347,545 |
| Homestead Exemption (Sec. 125) | | | | | | |
| Counties | 18,719,398 | 18,719,398 | 18,719,398 | 18,719,398 | 18,719,398 | 18,719,398 |
| Municipalities | 4,492,656 | 4,492,656 | 4,492,656 | 4,492,656 | 4,492,656 | 4,492,656 |
| Joint Leg. Study Comm. on aging (Sec. 3K15) | 36,769 | 36,769 | 57,369 | 57,369 | 57,369 | 57,369 |
| World War I Veteran Organization (Sec. 53) | 2,351 | 2,351 | 2,351 | 2,351 | 2,351 | 2,351 |
| Pre-Retirement News- letter (Sec. 16K) | - | 18,350 | | 18,350 | - | 18,350 |
| Cost of Living State Retirees (Sec. 16K) | - | - | - | - | 1,623,500 (1% Bonus) | 1,623,500 (1%Bonus) |

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Budget and Control Board</u> | | <u>House Passed</u> | | <u>Senate Finance</u> | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>State Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> | <u>State Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> | <u>State Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
| Health Ins. Benefits Retirees (Sec. 16L) | 18,729,426 | 18,729,426 | 18,729,426 | 18,729,426 | 18,729,426 | 18,729,426 |
| Interagency Council on Trans. (Sec. 121) | 693,506 | 784,409 | 693,506 | 784,409 | 693,506 | 784,409 |
| Home Health Services (Sec. 41) | 1,078,790 | 29,647,264 | 1,078,790 | 29,647,264 | 1,078,790 | 29,647,264 |
| Crime Victims Fund (Sec. 79) | 110,000 | 309,927 | - | 348,882 | 110,000 | 348,882 |
| Confederate Veterans Widow (Sec. 10) | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Medically Indigent Care (Sec. 40,45) | 11,865,530 | 41,000,000 | 11,865,350 | 41,000,000 | 12,297,627 | 41,381,205 |
| Life Insurance (Perm. Provisions) Retirement System | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \$1,000-10 years, \$2,000-20 years, \$3,000-30 years | | | | | | Est. \$2,000,000 |

VII. COMMUNITY LONG TERM CARE PROGRAM

The South Carolina Community Long Term Care Program provides a statewide system of pre-admission assessment, level of care determination, service planning and authorization, case management and re-assessment for Medicaid eligible clients who require skilled or intermediate level of care.

In December 1984, the CLTC Program received approval from the Health Care Finance Administration for a waiver to provide expanded home and community based services. The program will offer services to elderly or disabled adults who need help to remain at home and thus avoid unnecessary or premature nursing home care.

The services are designed for any Medicaid eligible person 18 years of age or older, who because of illness or disability, has long term care needs and is not able to care for him or herself independently.

Expanded services provided in the person's home are physical, speech and occupational therapy treatments; medical social services and personal care aide services. In addition, two other community services will be provided outside the home, medical day care and respite care.

These services are being made available to those persons who qualify for Medicaid coverage. Depending on the level of recurring income, some persons may be required to share in the cost of provided services.

The Health Care Financing Administration's approval of the waivers, and appropriation of funds by the State Legislature have made these services possible. Combined Federal & State funding is set at 9.9 million dollars for the first year's operation, 1984-85.

Development of the Community Long Term Care Service Management System, and the Expanded Home & Community Services is based on the findings of a Research and Demonstration Project which began activities in Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties in 1978. A statewide Service Management System was established in 1983.

VIII. ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC HEARING

The annual public hearing of the Study Committee on Aging was held in Columbia on September 20, 1984 in the hearing room of the Blatt Building. The facts and opinions presented by interested parties at the public hearing are considered by the Committee in determining its legislative priorities and recommendations. Minutes of the hearing are available for review at the office of the Committee, 335 D Blatt Building, Columbia, S.C. Persons testifying and their subject matter follow:

Rev. M. L. Meadors, Chairman, SC Commission on Aging.

- Establishment of new Senior Centers
- Recommendations of the Governor's Resource Panel for the Elderly
- Community Services Bill

Harry Bryan, Director, SC Commission on Aging
Community Services for Older Persons Act

Ms. Abby Fowler, R.D., M.S., President-Elect, SC Dietetic Association

- Purpose of Association
- Nutritional Counseling
- Older Americans Act
- Third Party Payment
- Funding for Nutrition and Supportive Svcs.

Dr. Cynthia M. Gordon, R.D., S.C. Dietetic Assoc.
Nutritional Assessment and Counseling

Dr. Hilda Ross, Director, Mental Health Svcs. for the Aging, SC Dept. of Mental Health

- Reimbursement to Boarding/Community Care Homes
- Inappropriate Admissions into DMH
- Moratorium of Nursing Home Beds
- Community Services Program for 1985:
 - Elderly Psychiatric Diagnostic Unit
 - Geriatric Care Team
 - Neighborhood Family
- Development of Psycho-Social Models

Ms. Lorraine Bate Orr, Chairman, Society for the
Right To Die
Living Will and Right To Die

Reverend George D. Exoo, Minister, Unitarian-
Universalist Church.
Support of Living Will Legislation

Mrs. Nettie Parler, Vice Chair, SC Legislative Com-
mittee, AARP
Health Care Cost Containment
Four Percent Cost-of-Living Increase for Retirees
S.C. Probate Code
Homestead Tax Exemption Increase
Medicare Prospective Payment Plan
Mandatory Hospital Rate Review Program
Premium Discounts by Automobile Insurance
Companies

Arthur Clement, State Coordinator, Citizen Rep.
Program AARP
Older Citizens Representation on Boards and
Commissions

Col. Herbert Weisberg, Legislative Forum, SC Feder-
ation of Older Americans
Reintroduction of Death with Dignity Bill
Public Transportation for Senior Citizens
Representation on Boards and Commissions
Shopping Discounts for Senior Citizens

Samuel J. Washington, Exec. Director, Midlands
Human Resources Development Commission
Community Action Agencies

Edward W. Rushton, Exec. Director, Orangeburg
County Council on Aging

Dr. Evander M. Anderson, Chairman, Senior Program,
SC Dental Association
"Senior Care Program"

Ms. Barbara Wright, SC Adult Day Care Assoc., Inc.
Adult Day Care
Community Services for the Frail Elderly

Ms. Ann Chadwell-Humphries, SC Adult Day Care
Assoc., Inc.

Fire Regulations

Establishment of Task Force

Dr. Emily S. Wiggins, Family Life & Human Develop-
ment Specialist, Clemson University

Involvement of Elderly Volunteers

C. Tom Mounter, Ext. Program Coordinator-Home
Economics, Clemson University

SC Extension Homemakers Council

Additional Tax Incentives for Volunteers

Tim Cash, Director, Adult Protective Serv., DSS

Adult Protective Services Law

Adult in a Life-Threatening Situation Bill

Adult Protective Services Emergency Fund

Adult Abuse

In-Home Community Services

Dr. John P. Daniel, Director, Office of Public
Health Dentistry, DHEC

Oral Health of the Elderly

Public Health Dental Programs

Tom Brown, Deputy Director, Planning & Assessment,
Health and Human Services Finance Commission

Progress Report on CLTC Project

Mandatory Pre-admission Screening for Nursing
Home Patients

Long Term Care Insurance

Ms. Nancy Tintle, Acting Director, CLTC, SC State
Health and Human Services Finance Commission

Progress of CLTC Statewide Program

Community Services for the Frail Elderly Bill

Dr. Kenneth N. Owens, President, SC Medical
Association

Hospital Restructuring Legislation

Rising Health Care Costs

Living Will Law

Age Discrimination

Ms. Judy Fickling, Exec. Director, SC Nurses' Association

- Increasing Cost of Medical Care and Institutionalization
- Home Health Care Services
- Educational Opportunities for Nurses
- The Nurse's Role in Health Care

Dr. James B. Ebersole, Chairman, Dept. of Family Medicine, USC School of Medicine

- Geriatrics - Preparing Doctors for the Future

Ms. Virginia Campbell, Nurse Counselor, Lexington Mental Health Center

- Community Care Homes

Ms. Edna Holtzclaw, Coordinator, Special Services, Chesterfield Mental Health Center

- Development of New Residential Care Level

Father William F. Pentis, Member, Aging and Mental Health Boards

- Uniform Probate Code
- Community Services Legislation
- Consideration of Human Needs

Winston Thomas, Governor's Office, Division of HHS

- Progress Report of Governor's Resource Panel on the Elderly
- Governor's Implementation Committee on Recommendations for the Elderly

Ms. Mary Frances Payton, AFDC Homemaker/Home Health Aide Demonstration Project, DSS

- Omnibus Reconciliation Bill
- Training of AFDC Mothers

Ms. Nita Huntley, Darlington, SC

- Alzheimer's disease

Ms. Yvonne S. Simpson, S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments

- Senior Citizens Centers
- Homemaker/Home Health Aide Program
- Adult Day Care Services
- Community Services Program
- Older Americans Act Formula Funding
- Lifeline Telephone Rates

Ms. Susan Carlton, RSVP/Foster Grandparent Program Director

- Retired Senior Volunteer Programs
- Foster Grandparent Programs
- Senior Companion Program

William K. James, Commissioner, SC Commission for the Blind

- Effects of Blindness on Senior Citizens
- Statewide Program for the Elderly Blind
- Education Radio Program

Ms. Dorothy Maysey, Consultant, Health Education, DHEC

- Health Promotion Programs for the Elderly

Appendix

Written Statements submitted:

Eileen Schleelein, M.S., R.D., Charleston Trident Dietetic Association

- Transportation
- Household Chores and Home Maintenance
- Police Protection
- Housing
- Nutrition Services
- Publications
- Societal Attitude

Dr. Sue L. Scally, 1723 Sewanee Dr., West Columbia, SC

Needs of Alzheimer's Disease Victims:

- Financial Assistance
- Respite and Day Care
- Caregiver Support Groups
- Trained Aging Provider Staff
- Research

Ms. Linda Hall, Coordinator, Lexington County
Recreation Commission Aging Program
Medical Care and Community Support Systems
Community Service Bill

Mrs. Annie R. Edwards, Advisor, Shiloh Senior
Citizens Center
Needs of the Shiloh Senior Citizens Center

William V. Bradley, State Ombudsman, Governor's
Office
Burial Fees for Indigent Elderly
Patients' Bill of Rights
Discrimination against Medicaid Patients
Suggested Legislation regarding Patients'
Bill of Rights

Transcription prepared by: Mrs. Rose Mary S.
Smith, Adm. Asst., Senate Medical Affairs Committee

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The status of legislation introduced by the Committee and other selected legislation related to aging interests is summarized periodically during the session. This information entitled "Legislative Update" is very popular among legislators, the aging network organizations and individuals and is distributed upon request.

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON AGING

The Committee works cooperatively with the South Carolina Commission on Aging.

The South Carolina Commission on Aging is a state governmental agency existing to study, plan, promote and coordinate a statewide program to meet the present and future needs of aging citizens and to encourage and assist in the development of organizations, programs, and services for the aging.

The groundwork for a State Office on Aging was laid in 1959, when the South Carolina General Assembly provided for a Legislative Committee to study the problems of aging in the state and to prepare reports and make recommendations for action.

Year by year, the programs of the Commission improve and expand out of consideration for the state's elderly and with concern that their later years may be lived in health, honor, and dignity.

For all the state's elderly, the Commission on Aging serves as an advocate and as a source of information.

Commission Membership:

With term to expire June 30, 1988:

Reverend M.L. Meadors, Jr., Chairman, Columbia -
District No. 2

Mr. Jack H. Keel, Barnwell - District No. 3

Mr. Thomas I. Dowling, Greenwood - District No. 3

With term to expire June 30, 1987:

Mrs. Ruth Hall, Great Falls - District No. 5

Mrs. Nellie Claire Brown, Rock Hill - District
No. 5

Ms. Anna Mae Gardner, Walterboro - District No. 1

With term to expire June 30, 1986:

Mr. J.W. Matthews, Florence - District No. 6

Mrs. Ella M. Redmond, Kingstree - District No. 6

Mrs. Madge G. Major, Columbia - District No. 2

With term to expire June 30, 1985:

Mr. David S. Spell, Charleston - District No. 1

Dr. C.M. Johnson, Spartanburg - District No. 4

Mrs. Louise Helms, Greenville - District No. 4

Ex-Officio Members:

Honorable Richard W. Riley, Governor of SC

Honorable Isadore Lourie, Member from the State
Senate

Honorable Patrick B. Harris, Member from the House
of Representatives

The South Carolina Aging Network does not have all of the solutions or money necessary to meet the needs of every elderly person in the state, but

much is being done through the careful consideration of funds to regional and local aging organizations, beneficial legislation, the training of professional and volunteer aging workers, and public information to combat ageism and prevent the unnecessary struggles and suffering that too often accompany old age. The Network endeavors to ensure and restore dignity to the lives of older South Carolinians.

Each Area Agency on Aging develops and administers a regional plan for services under the Older Americans Act. Direct services are subcontracted, primarily with County Councils on Aging.

At the December 5, 1984 meeting of the South Carolina Commission on Aging, the Commission approved a recommendation to study the number, cost and configuration of Area Agencies on Aging in South Carolina and to determine the number and configuration to be effective July 1, 1986.

There are now 15 Planning and Services Areas and 15 Area Agencies on Aging (9 multi-county and 6 single-county). The basic issue that the Commission must address is whether or not the present configuration is the most effective and efficient one possible. Many options will be considered during the year-long study, and public hearings are planned for the summer 1985.

The Commission on Aging has responded to calls for action to initiate, review and support legislation. Contacts have been made with the Governor and members of the General Assembly by the chairman and director expressing the positions of the Commission.

Staff support has been given to the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Aging. The director, his deputy and staff members from the public affairs, legal, and finance divisions provide resource assistance to the Study Committee.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATION

The Committee continues to be interested in representation on boards and commissions by older citizens. The Staff has worked cooperatively with

Mr. Bob Bailey, Chairman of the Citizens Representation Project of the American Association of Retired Persons in providing information of various boards and commissions.

Mr. Lester Hamilton, Chairman of the AARP legislative Committee was appointed by the State Board of Pharmacy on May 8, 1984. Testimony in support of his candidacy was presented to the Committee in September 1983. Mr. Hamilton is the first lay member and only non-pharmacist appointed by the Governor to a six year term.

HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

McKnight-Boyle Gerontology Chair, MUSC

Dr. Allen H. Johnson has been appointed to occupy the McKnight-Boyle Chair of Gerontology at the Medical University of South Carolina. The Chair was created in 1978 through an endowment of one million dollars by William L. McKnight. The Committee has supported the development of the program since its establishment.

A Division of Geriatrics will be created within the Department of Medicine. The initial emphasis will be on education and service, educating future health professionals in the evaluation and care of the aging patient. The Medical University has some 20 aging research projects involving the issues of aging.

USC School of Medicine

The Department of Family Medicine received a three-year federal grant in 1984 of \$593,000 to enhance the training of medical students and residents in geriatrics and wellness. According to Dr. James B. Ebersole, Chairman, the grant focuses particularly on training in home health care, which he believes to be important in the future care of the elderly.

USC College of Nursing

The College of Nursing was funded in 1985 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a three-year project to expand the clinical major in the graduate program to prepare clinical nurse specialists in the areas of oncologic, parent-child and gerontological nursing. The Committee staff

has been asked to serve on an advisory committee to the project.

GOVERNOR'S RESOURCE PANEL ON THE ELDERLY

The Governor's Resource Panel on the Elderly submitted their recommendations; "Preparing for a New Generation of Older Americans", to the Governor on March 3, 1983.

A Task Force Implementation Committee was appointed by Governor Riley. Mrs. Barron was asked to serve. This Committee is chaired by Prof. Len Taglia, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, with Rev. M. L. Meadors Jr., Vice-Chairman. Mr. Winston Thomas, Division of Health and Human Services of the Governor's Office serves as staff to the Committee.

There are 187 recommendations covering six major areas: (1) Economic Security, (2) Long-term Care, (3) Employment Options, (4) Life Enhancing Initiatives, (5) Community Service Options, and (6) Housing Alternatives.

A final report to the Governor is expected to be submitted in the fall of 1985. The report will contain the final status of each recommendation, suggested strategies to increase public awareness of the total process, and to inform policy makers of the issues which will have some impact on the quality of life for future older South Carolinians.

STATE LEGISLATIVE FORUM

For several years the S.C. Federation of Older Americans has sponsored a Senior Citizens Day at the Legislature with the cooperation of the Governor's office of Volunteers, the Study Committee on Aging and the Commission on Aging.

This year the format was changed to provide a more in-depth review of legislative issues. The event called State Legislative Forum was held on March 19 at the Chapel of Hope, State Hospital.

Issues discussed were probate code revision, health care cost containment, community services for functionally impaired elderly, death with dignity, and the indigent care plan. Rep. Dill Blackwell spoke to the group on "How to be Effective in the Legislative Process" and displayed his acting talents in a "Back Home Interview Role Play."

LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM

Columbia College, Department of Social Work, placed a senior student, Mandy Joy, with the Committee for the Spring semester. The College has used the Committee as a field placement for six years. Students become involved in the legislative process, aware of issues affecting the elderly and understand advocacy for the elderly. Because of the mutual benefits attained from the placement, Columbia College and the Committee determined that such an internship would be regularly offered.

Miss Joy's responsibilities included observing the legislative process, attending various public hearings and meetings, gathering information on Committee legislation, issues, and concerns, assisting with the planning of the State Legislative Forum as recording secretary, constructing a list of Aging Committees in other states, and conducting a survey of South Carolina counties concerning burial fees for indigents.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Members of the Committee and/or staff worked cooperatively throughout the year with the Commission on Aging, Tax Commission, Comptroller General's Office, State Election Commission, State Retirement System, Department of Social Services, Department of Health and Environmental Control, State Library, Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, State Reorganization Commission, Joint Judiciary Subcommittee on Probate Code Revision, Governor's Resource Panel for the Elderly, Department of Religious Studies, College of Nursing, College of Social Work of the University of South Carolina.

Committee representatives on other committees are as follows: Representative Patrick Harris, Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee and the Human Services Integration Project; Rep. Dill Blackwell, Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drugs. The Committee is represented by staff on the Task Force Implementation Committee of the Governor's Resource Panel on the Elderly and the Health Promotion for the Elderly Committee, Advisory Board of the S.C. Gerontology Center and the Geriatric Clinical Emphasis Advisory Committee, USC College of Nursing.

Committee members and/or staff regularly attend sessions of the following organizations interested in aging: American Association of Retired Persons, S.C. Federation of Older Americans, and the S.C. Gerontological Society.

Regular contact is maintained with committees and agencies of other states as well as with the Senate Special Committee on Aging and the House Select Committee on Aging of the U.S. Congress, on which Third District Congressman Butler Derrick serves.

Public presentations are made frequently by the Committee and staff to large and small community and church groups, conferences, workshops, and continuing education programs for hospitals and nursing homes. We are especially pleased to acknowledge the formation and the first annual meeting of the S.C. Adult Day Care Association.

Information about numerous aging issues and legislative action are distributed upon request to members and staff of the S.C. Legislature and other state legislatures, state agency personnel, national and state organizations and interested citizens.

Requests for publications are regularly received and filled for the Committee's past and present Annual Reports, 1970-1984, and other publications researched and produced by the Committee staff and published by other entities as follows: State Services for Senior South Carolinians, November 1981, in cooperation with the S.C. Commission on Aging and the Governor's Office; Housing for Senior Citizens in South Carolina, April 1982, with the

S.C. Commission on Aging; S.C. Boards and Commissions, Opportunities for Older Citizens Representation, August 1982, and the Vacancy Supplements, May 1983 and February 1984, in cooperation with the Citizens Representation Project, American Association of Retired Persons. Distribution is also made of the "Homestead Tax Exemption Program" brochure produced by the Comptroller General's office and the "Personal Medication Record" and "Dental Care for Qualified Senior Citizens" flyer produced by the S.C. Commission on Aging.

APPENDIX A
SOUTH CAROLINA VOTING HISTORY AND STATISTICS
GENERAL ELECTION STATISTICS 1984
VOTER ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN BY AGE WITHIN COUNTY

-----65 & OVER-----

| COUNTY | TOTAL REGISTERED | TOTAL VOTED | % VOTED | % VOTED | TOTAL REGISTERED | TOTAL VOTED | % VOTED |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| ABBEVILLE | 10,426 | 6,882 | 0.66 | 0.74 | 2,280 | 1,547 | 0.67 |
| AIKEN | 52,971 | 38,382 | 0.72 | 0.81 | 8,698 | 6,490 | 0.74 |
| ALLENDALE | 5,457 | 3,889 | 0.71 | 0.79 | 1,089 | 802 | 0.73 |
| ANDERSON | 52,712 | 37,111 | 0.70 | 0.77 | 9,836 | 6,856 | 0.69 |
| BAMBERG | 8,390 | 5,973 | 0.71 | 0.82 | 1,681 | 1,233 | 0.73 |
| BARNWELL | 10,479 | 7,299 | 0.69 | 0.77 | 1,821 | 1,308 | 0.71 |
| BEAUFORT | 33,463 | 22,277 | 0.66 | 0.78 | 6,412 | 5,036 | 0.78 |
| BERKELEY | 37,077 | 27,919 | 0.75 | 0.81 | 4,145 | 3,229 | 0.77 |
| CALHOUN | 6,660 | 5,189 | 0.77 | 0.84 | 1,194 | 996 | 0.83 |
| CHARLESTON | 129,585 | 92,925 | 0.71 | 0.81 | 18,762 | 14,505 | 0.77 |
| CHEROKEE | 19,073 | 13,039 | 0.68 | 0.75 | 3,526 | 2,408 | 0.68 |
| CHESTER | 12,232 | 8,920 | 0.72 | 0.79 | 2,716 | 1,964 | 0.72 |
| CHESTERFIELD | 15,791 | 10,149 | 0.64 | 0.70 | 3,065 | 2,053 | 0.66 |
| CLARENDON | 15,021 | 10,844 | 0.72 | 0.80 | 2,815 | 2,107 | 0.74 |
| COLLETON | 15,278 | 11,460 | 0.75 | 0.84 | 2,937 | 2,276 | 0.77 |
| DARLINGTON | 27,294 | 19,073 | 0.69 | 0.76 | 4,505 | 3,241 | 0.71 |
| DILLON | 13,022 | 8,170 | 0.62 | 0.72 | 2,170 | 1,455 | 0.67 |
| DORCHESTER | 31,076 | 22,096 | 0.71 | 0.79 | 3,904 | 2,944 | 0.75 |
| EDGEFIELD | 8,726 | 6,552 | 0.75 | 0.83 | 1,423 | 1,067 | 0.74 |
| FAIRFIELD | 10,082 | 7,432 | 0.73 | 0.80 | 1,862 | 1,417 | 0.76 |
| FLORENCE | 52,119 | 37,369 | 0.71 | 0.81 | 7,519 | 5,688 | 0.75 |
| GEORGETOWN | 20,752 | 14,713 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 3,717 | 2,866 | 0.77 |
| GREENVILLE | 121,717 | 94,252 | 0.77 | 0.85 | 19,016 | 14,950 | 0.78 |

-----65 & OVER-----

| COUNTY | TOTAL REGISTERED | TOTAL VOTED | % VOTED | % VOTED | TOTAL REGISTERED | TOTAL VOTED | % VOTED |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| GREENWOOD | 24,378 | 17,242 | 0.70 | 0.79 | 4,659 | 3,515 | 0.75 |
| HAMPTON | 10,143 | 7,396 | 0.72 | 0.82 | 1,745 | 1,271 | 0.72 |
| HORRY | 50,122 | 33,776 | 0.67 | 0.75 | 9,341 | 6,756 | 0.72 |
| JASPER | 8,866 | 6,997 | 0.78 | 0.87 | 1,379 | 1,148 | 0.83 |
| KERSHAW | 17,951 | 14,056 | 0.78 | 0.85 | 2,994 | 2,340 | 0.78 |
| LANCASTER | 20,930 | 16,274 | 0.77 | 0.82 | 3,941 | 3,029 | 0.76 |
| LAURENS | 20,901 | 15,233 | 0.72 | 0.82 | 4,350 | 3,225 | 0.74 |
| LEE | 10,533 | 7,646 | 0.72 | 0.82 | 1,780 | 1,347 | 0.75 |
| LEXINGTON | 64,055 | 50,162 | 0.78 | 0.84 | 7,542 | 5,828 | 0.77 |
| MCCORMICK | 3,795 | 2,668 | 0.70 | 0.79 | 717 | 489 | 0.68 |
| MARION | 14,013 | 9,823 | 0.70 | 0.78 | 2,706 | 1,950 | 0.72 |
| MARLBORO | 14,507 | 8,340 | 0.57 | 0.67 | 2,496 | 1,607 | 0.64 |
| NEWBERRY | 13,837 | 11,075 | 0.80 | 0.84 | 3,465 | 2,710 | 0.78 |
| OCONEE | 20,364 | 13,497 | 0.66 | 0.71 | 3,905 | 2,607 | 0.66 |
| ORANGEBURG | 42,863 | 31,650 | 0.73 | 0.84 | 7,051 | 5,510 | 0.78 |
| PICKENS | 29,480 | 21,065 | 0.71 | 0.77 | 5,074 | 3,558 | 0.70 |
| RICHLAND | 123,792 | 89,796 | 0.72 | 0.82 | 16,347 | 12,768 | 0.78 |
| SALUDA | 7,234 | 5,456 | 0.75 | 0.83 | 1,565 | 1,150 | 0.73 |
| SPARTANBURG | 85,148 | 63,306 | 0.74 | 0.80 | 14,728 | 10,942 | 0.74 |
| SUMTER | 36,159 | 24,303 | 0.67 | 0.79 | 5,388 | 3,963 | 0.73 |
| UNION | 14,674 | 10,817 | 0.73 | 0.82 | 3,091 | 2,280 | 0.73 |
| WILLIAMSBURG | 19,682 | 14,381 | 0.73 | 0.83 | 3,491 | 2,622 | 0.75 |
| YORK | 41,960 | 31,827 | 0.75 | 0.82 | 7,077 | 5,244 | 0.74 |
| STATE TOTALS | 1,404,790 | 1,018,701 | 0.72 | 0.80 | 229,925 | 172,297 | 0.74 |

GROWTH OF SOUTH CAROLINA ELDERLY POPULATION PROJECTION
1940 - 2000

| | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990P | 2000P |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| TOTAL POPULATION | 1,899,804 | 2,117,027 | 2,382,594 | 2,590,516 | 3,121,820 | 3,770,000 | 4,328,500 |
| 60+ | 126,345 | 169,560 | 217,985 | 286,272 | 416,144 | 568,814 | 649,413 |
| 75+ | 19,322 | 30,817 | 47,170 | 65,736 | 99,195 | 153,966 | 206,350 |
| 60+: % OF TOTAL POPULATION | 6 | 8 | 9.1 | 11 | 13.3 | 15.1 | 15.0 |
| 75+: % OF TOTAL POPULATION | 1.01 | 1.45 | 1.97 | 2.53 | 3.17 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| 75+: % OF ELDERLY POPULATION | 15.2 | 18.1 | 21.6 | 22.9 | 23.8 | 27.1 | 31.8 |

Prepared by S.C. Commission on Aging
April, 1985

Appendix C
STATE ORGANIZATIONS

South Carolina Federation of Older Americans

Dr. George Fulton, Jr., President
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Columbia, SC 29206

American Association of Retired Persons

Dr. Allen Edwards, State Director
1177 Mary Dale Lane
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Joint Legislative Committee (AARP)

Mr. Lester Hamilton, Chairman
4965 France Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29406

S.C. Gerontological Society

Dr. Harold Park, President
Director of Continuing Education
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
4210 Main St.
Columbia, SC 29203

S.C. Retired Educators Association

Mrs. Leslie T. Gilbert, President
421 Zimacrest Dr.
Columbia, SC 29210

National Association of Retired Federal Employees

Mr. Chester Kirkevold, President
4508 Pinelake Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC

Midlands Gerontological Society

Ms. Carrie Crawford Washington, President
Columbia Area Mental Health
1618 Sunset Dr.
Columbia, SC 29203

Retired Officers Association

Col. (Ret.) Waldo W. Brooks, Jr., Columbia Chapter
3536 Raven Hill Road
Columbia, SC 29204

S.C. Association of Council on Aging Directors
Ms. Linda C. Hall, President
114 Northlake Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

ASSOCIATION LIAISON

S.C. Hospital Association
Mrs. Margaret Wickenberg, Liaison to the Elderly
4540 Fernwood Road
Columbia, SC 29206

STATE AGENCIES

S.C. Commission on Aging
Rev. M. L. Meadors, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Harry Bryan, Exec. Director
915 Main St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Department of Mental Health
Dr. Hilda Ross, Director of Mental Health Services
for the Aging
2414 Bull St.
Columbia, SC 29201

OTHER STATES WITH LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES ON AGING

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California,
Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii,
Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada,
New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon,
Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington,
Wisconsin.

Appendix D

Summary of Legislation Enacted Through 1984
Related to Aging Interests

AGING COMMITTEE

Establishment of Permanent Committee

The Committee to Study Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging has been continued as a permanent legislative study committee (Code 2-51-10, 1978).

COMMISSION ON AGING

Establishment of State Agency

The Interagency Council on Aging has been recognized and designated the South Carolina Commission on Aging (Code 43-21-10, 1971).

CONSUMER REPRESENTATION

"Lay," "consumer," "public" members are added to the following boards: Occupational Therapy (Act 139 Sec. 6, 1982), Podiatry (Code 40-51-30, 1982), Speech Pathology and Audiology (Code 40-67-20, 1982), Psychology (Code 40-55-20, 1982), Physical Therapists (Code 40-45-10, 1982), Opticianry (Code 40-38-10, 1982), Optometry (Code 40-37-10, 1982), Social Workers (Code 40-63-20, 1982).

CRIME

Compensation of Victims of Crime

The S.C. Victim Compensation Board has been established to administer a program of financial assistance and awards to victims of crime (Code 16-3-1110-1340, 1982).

Victim's Witness's Bill of Rights:

This Bill of Rights is to be used as a guide to officials in establishing appropriate policies and procedures for the treatment and handling of victims and witnesses. State or local law enforcement agencies shall assume the costs for evidentiary collection in retrieving, towing or storing a stolen conveyance and costs for routine medical exams for victims of criminal sexual conduct, effective October 1, 1985 (Code 16-03-1530, 1984).

EDUCATION

Establishment of the Community Education Advisory Council

The Community Education Advisory Council has been established to promote and coordinate the utilization of school and other community facilities to

meet the needs of the community (Code 59-44-50, 1976).

Free Tuition at State Educational Institutions

State-supported colleges, universities and technical schools may permit South Carolina residents at least 60 years of age to attend classes on a space available basis without payment of tuition (Code 59-111-320, 1974, 1978).

HEALTH

Adult Abuse and Protection Act

Abuse, neglect or exploitation of a senile or developmentally disabled person has been prohibited. Protective services are provided (Code 43-29-40, 1974, 1976).

Adults in Life Threatening Situations

Procedures by a law enforcement officer for taking an adult in a life-threatening situation into protective custody has been mandated (Code 23-1-220, 1984).

Client Patient Protection Act

Abuse or neglect of a client or patient in any public or private facility has been defined, made unlawful, and must be reported within twenty hours (Code 43-30-10-100, 1984).

Community Long Term Care Program

The Community Long Term Project located in Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties, was approved by the General Assembly in June 1978. The purpose of the project was to gather information on the impact of community-based long term care services on the use of nursing home care and the impact of these services on Medicaid cost. Project activities were concluded June 30, 1984 and a final project report will be submitted June 30, 1985.

Statewide implementation of case assessment and service management under Medicaid was begun in FY 1982-83. As of August 1983 all counties in the State have access to the Community Long Term Care Service Management System.

In December 1984, the CLTC Program received approval from the Health Care Finance Administration for a waiver to provide expanded home and community based services to begin 1984-85.

Creation of a Long-Term Care Division

The Long-Term Care Division has been established within the S.C. Department of Mental Health and is under the direction of a deputy commissioner (Code 44-9-50, 1976).

Definition of Death

The Uniform Determination of Death Act was passed defining death as 1) irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions or 2) irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem (Code 44-43-460, 1984).

Establishment of Licensing Authority for Adult Day Care Centers

The licensing authority for adult day care facilities has been established under the Department of Health and Environmental Control (Code 44-65-10, 1976).

Establishment of Hypertension Screening Clinic

The Department of Health and Environmental Control has established a network of Hypertension Screening and Treatment Clinics throughout the state to detect and treat hypertension (high blood pressure). This condition, often symptomless, occurs more than twice as often among people aged 65-80 than in the population as a whole (Appropriation Act, 1974-1975).

Establishment of a Monetary Penalty System for Health Care Facilities

A monetary penalty system has been established for the violation of licensing standards in hospitals, nursing homes, and intermediate care facilities (Code 44-7-360, 1976).

Exemption from Sales Tax on Prescription Drugs and Prosthetic Devices

In 1973, the General Assembly passed legislation to exempt those persons 65 years of age and older from paying sales tax on prescription drugs and prosthetic devices. This law was amended in 1974 to reduce the age to 50 (Code 12-35-560, 1973, 1974). In 1976, the sales tax on prescription drugs was repealed (Act 709).

Eyeglasses Discounts

Special discounts are not prohibited on purchases of spectacles, eyeglasses, lenses or any part used in connection therewith to persons over sixty-two years of age (Code 40-37-240, 1978).

Home Health Agency Licensure

Public, nonprofit and proprietary home health agencies have been required to be licensed by DHEC, (Code 44-69-10, 1978) and to obtain a Certificate of Need prior to licensure (Code 44-69-75).

Any person, organization, political subdivision, or governmental agency representing itself as providing Home Health services must be licensed by DHEC (Code 44-69-30, 1983).

Hospital Restructuring

Counties, municipalities and Health Service Districts in the State may form corporations or reincorporate and operate health care facilities and publicly owned hospitals on the same basis as not-for-profit or proprietary hospitals (Code 44-7-1430, 1984).

Hospice

The authority to regulate and license hospice programs has been established under the Department of Health and Environmental Control (Code 44-71-10-110, 1983).

Itemized Billing

Skilled nursing homes, intermediate care facilities and residential care facilities have been

required to provide an item-by-item billing of all charges for all services to the patient or person paying the bill, on request (Code 43-27-40, 1975).

Licensing of Community Residential Care Facilities

Community residential care facilities licensing has been consolidated under the Department of Health and Environmental Control, excepting those serving children and adolescents and chemical abuse residential treatment facilities operated by the State Department of Mental Health. Each client must have an individual plan of care and itemized billing (Code 44-7-310, 44-21-510, Effective April 15, 1985).

Medicaid Income Limitations

The state limitation on the maximum income a person may receive and be eligible for skilled and intermediate nursing care has been increased to be in line with the federal limitation (Appropriation Act, 1979-1980).

Nursing Home Administrators

The composition and qualification of the members of the Board of Nursing Home Administrators have been changed to establish licensure, educational and experience requirements. Continuing education has been mandated (Code 40-35-10, 1980).

Ombudsman

A Nursing Home Ombudsman who receives complaints or reports concerning patient care and who investigates and seeks to resolve complaints has been established in the Governor's office (Code 43-37-10, 43-37-20, 1977).

In 1980 these code sections were repealed, the title changed to Ombudsman and the duties and responsibilities broadened (Code 43-38-10, 43-38-50, 1980).

Regulation of Fitting and Selling of Hearing Aids

South Carolina statutes have been enacted which govern the licensing of persons who fit and sell

hearing aids, and regulate the manner in which they conduct their business (Code 40-25-40, 1971, 1972, 1978). A representative of the general public has been added to the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Commission within DHEC (Code 40-25-40, 1978). Licensing regulations have been amended to provide continuing education requirements (Code 40-25-150, 1982).

HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION

Homeowners who are 65 or older and have resided in the state for at least one year receive the benefits of a homestead tax exemption which provides that the first \$15,000 of the fair market value of the dwelling place, including mobile homes on leased land, shall be exempt from municipal, county, school and special assessment real property taxes (Code 12-37-250, \$20,000--1985, \$15,000--commencing July, 1980, \$12,000--1978, \$10,000--1971).

Counties and municipalities are reimbursed by the state for losses they incur by reason of granting the exemption (Code 12-37-270, 280, 1971).

Applications for homestead exemption are purchased and distributed to the counties by the Comptroller General's office (Code 12-37-250, 1979).

The application deadline from January 1 to May 1 was extended to June 30 for 1984 only (Code 12-37-252, 1984).

The requirement for annual reapplication has been repealed. However, if a person's eligibility changes and the County Auditor is not notified, a lien or penalty may be imposed (Code 12-3-145, 12-37-255, 1981).

Exemption is provided for a surviving spouse 50 years of age or older. This exemption allows the surviving spouse nine months in which to obtain complete fee simple title to the homestead if spouse died intestate and to continue the exemption if the dwelling place is on leased land (Code 12-37-250, 1979). The surviving spouse may transfer such exemption to a newly acquired dwelling place (Code 12-37-250, 1982).

The Homestead Exemption shall apply to eligible persons who own a dwelling in part in fee or in part for life and also a dwelling when the legal title is held by a trustee (Code 12-37-250, 1980).

The classification of property qualifying for the Homestead Exemption shall be residential and taxed on an assessment equal to 4% of the property's fair market value (Code 12-37-250, 1980).

Payment of real property taxes on or before March 15 following the year for which Homestead Exemption is claimed shall not be a condition to qualify for the exemption (Code 12-37-250, 1980).

Life estates shall qualify for Homestead Exemption when the person entitled to the exemption creates such an estate by conveying the remainder to the homestead in fee reserving to himself a life estate (Code 12-37-250, 1980).

Homestead Exemption shall apply to life estates created other than by will and on or before December 31, 1979 instead of December 31, 1971 (Code 12-37-250, 1980).

Due to the increase in property taxes resulting from implementation of Act 208, the time for payment of taxes was extended to March 1, without penalty, for 1983 only (Code 12-37-250, 1983).

Any agriculturally classified lands that are a part of the homestead shall be taxed on an assessment equal to 4% of the lands' value for agricultural purposes (Code 12-37-250, 1984).

HOUSING

Establishment of State Housing Authority

A State Housing Authority has been established. Its purpose among others, is to encourage the growth of specialized housing for the elderly (Code 31-3-110, 1971).

Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing for the Elderly

Private, nonprofit organizations have been exempted from real estate taxes on property used as specialized housing for the elderly (Code 12-37-220, 1971).

Condominium Conversion

The Rights and duties of owners, landlords and tenants when rental units are converted to condominium ownership have been established (Code 27-031-0010-0300, 0410-0430, 1983).

INCOME TAX

Residential Exclusion

The gain or the sale of the personal residence by an individual 55 or older is excluded from gross income for the purposes of State income tax, up to \$125,000, as a one-time residential exclusion (Proviso, FY 83-84 Appropriation Act).

Social Security Exemption

State taxation of income from Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits has been prohibited (Code 12-7-560, 1984).

Volunteer Mileage Deduction

Volunteers may deduct 14 cents per mile for travel for Volunteer Services for charitable organizations (Code 12-7-700, 1984).

INSURANCE

Standards of Readability

Department of Insurance regulations have been enacted to provide for minimum standards of readability of commonly purchased insurance policies (Code 38-3-61, 1979).

Medicare Supplement Insurance Regulations

Department of Insurance regulations have been enacted to eliminate unfair and deceptive practices in the promotion, solicitation, sale and replacement of individual accident and health insurance policies to persons who are qualified for Medicare by reason of age and to persons who have a current Medicaid eligibility card (Vol. 25--Rule 69-34.1.2. 1980). Group Medicare Supplement insurance must meet federal minimum standards, including seventy-five per cent loss ratio (Code 38-35-940, 1982).

"Free Look"

Accident and health or hospitalization insurance policies must permit the insured to return such policy for any reason and if solicited by direct response insurer, the insured shall have 30 days in which to return the policy and to receive full return of the premium (Code 38-35-140, 1982).

JURY SERVICE

Age Discrimination Eliminated

The maximum age of 65 has been eliminated as a qualification for jury service (Code 14-7-140, 1974).

LEGAL AFFAIRS

Power of Attorney Extended

Whenever a person designates another his attorney by a power of attorney, this power has been extended, if the principal so desires in writing, so that it is not affected if he becomes incapable of managing his own estate due to physical disability or mental incompetence (Code 32-13-10, 1978).

MENTAL HEALTH

Friends and relatives may transport individuals alleged to be mentally ill to the appropriate health facility (Code 44-17-440, 1982).

Hearings for Mental Health Judicial Commitment proceedings may be held on the same day as the designated examinations (Code 44-17-540, 1982).

RECREATION

Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Residents of South Carolina for at least one year who are 65 or older have been made eligible for free hunting and fishing licenses from the Department of Wildlife and Marine Resources (Code 50-9-840, 1978).

Free Admission to Certain State Park Facilities

South Carolinians aged 65 or older have been granted free admission to state park facilities for which a charge is customarily made (except overnight lodging, and recreation buildings) and are granted half-price admission to campsites (Code 51-3-60, 1973, 1975, 1979).

RETIREMENT

Cost-of-Living Increases in Retirement Benefits

Teachers, state employees and other public workers covered by the South Carolina Retirement System have been granted increased benefits from the system, not to exceed four percent, when the cost of living rises (Code 9-11-310, 1974). The maximum waiting period for cost of living increases for future retirees has been reduced from 30 months to 24 months (Code 9-1-1810, 9-11-310, 1982).

Five percent increases in retirement benefits for state employees and teachers who retired prior to July, 1972 were included in the 1977 Appropriation Act.

A special fund has been created to administer the cost of living increase for retired members and beneficiaries of the system and to increase the employer rate of contribution (Code 9-1-100, 1980).

A one-time bonus of 2% payable Nov. 30, 1984, to persons in the system for the last two Julys was passed (Appropriation Act 1984-85).

If the cost of living advances at least 3% for the two previous Decembers as measured by the Consumer Price Index, retired members (on the second July 1st and each July 1st thereafter) received a 4% increase. In those years when it is less than 3%, retired members will receive an increase equal to the Consumer Price Index. Prior to this amendment, no increase was granted if the CPI was less than 3%. (Code 9-1-1810, 9-11-310, 1984).

Establishment of Retirement and Pre-Retirement Advisory Board

A Retirement and Pre-Retirement Advisory Board has been established to review retirement and pre-retirement programs and policies, propose

recommendations and identify major issues for consideration. Two of the members of the eight-member Board shall be retired (Code 9-120, 1976).

Retirement After 30 Years of Service

Members of the South Carolina State Retirement System may retire at 65 years of age or after 30 years of service (Code 9-1-1510, 1975).

Early Retirement

The penalty for retirement prior to age 65 with less than 30 years of service has been changed from five-twelfths of 1% for each month prior to age 65 to being pro-rated on the basis of days (Code 9-1-1550, 1650, 1984).

Mandatory Retirement

Any employee or teacher in service who has attained the age of seventy years shall be retired except that with the approval of the employer and the Board he or she may be continued on a yearly basis until reaching the age of seventy-two (Code 9-1-1530, 1978, 1979).

Earnings Limitation

The earnings limitation is increased from \$6,500 to \$7,000 for retired members returning to employment covered by the Retirement System. There is no limitation (except for disability retirement) for retirees working in the private sector (State Appropriations Act 1984-85).

Medical Insurance

The cost of medical insurance for retired state employees and teachers on the same basis as active employees, beginning July 1, 1980 has been assumed by the State (Appropriation Act, 1979-80).

Pre-Retirement Education

A Pre-Retirement Education Program for members of the South Carolina Retirement Systems was established (Appropriation Act, 1979-80). This program is administered by the South Carolina Retirement Systems. Forty-eight seminars were held from June

1984 through May 1985 for state agencies, educational institutions, local governments, and political subdivisions. This program is designed to assist the public sector in preparing for financial retirement in addition to a smooth transition into retirement.

South Carolina was instrumental in establishing the National Preretirement Education Association for Public Employees in 1984. South Carolina's program is being used as a model for other states.

The newsletter, the Systems Update, is published semi-annually and circulated to 180,000 active members and retirees. Of this number, approximately 40% are 55 or older.

Medical Insurance

The cost of medical insurance for retired state employees and teachers on the same basis as active employees, beginning July 1, 1980 has been assumed by the state (Appropriation Act, 1979-80).

Reciprocal Agreements

The State has been allowed to enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state to refrain from taxing retirement income (Code 12-7-565, 1976).

Survivor Option

The balance of a member's contribution not recovered prior to the death of the member or a survivor, if selected, would be refunded to the member's estate, instead of remaining in the system. (Code 9-9-100, 9-11-70, 110, 1984).

TRANSPORTATION

Interagency Council

The Interagency Council on Transportation has been established to give advice and make recommendations to the Department of Highways and Public Transportation and to the General Assembly on all matters related to public transportation in the State. Member agencies and offices are:

Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Regional Transportation Authorities, S.C. Association of Counties, S.C. Assn. of Regional

Planning Councils, S.C. Commission on Aging, S.C. Department of Education, S.C. Dept. of Hwy. & Publ. Trans., S.C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism, S.C. Dept. of Social Services, S.C. Dept. of Vocational Rehabil., S.C. Division of Energy Resources, S.C. House of Representatives, S.C. Motor Vehicle Management Off., S.C. Senate (Code 57-3-1010, 1978).

Appendix E

Act 402 to Create a Permanent Committee

(R420,H3247)

An Act to create a Permanent Committee to conduct continuing Studies of Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Findings

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the Committee to Study Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging, originally created H.1286 of 1969 and continued by concurrent resolution through 1977, fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and that the functions of the committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent committee.

Committee Created

Section 2. There is created a permanent committee to conduct continuing studies of public and private services, programs and facilities for the aging in South Carolina and report its findings and recommendations annually to the General Assembly. Three members shall be appointed from the Senate by the President thereof, three members shall be appointed from the House of Representatives by the Speaker and three members shall be appointed by the Governor. Terms of legislative members shall be coterminous with their terms as members of the General Assembly and terms of members appointed by the governor shall be coterminous, with the term of the appointing Governor. Members of the committee shall receive mileage, per diem and subsistence as

provided by law for members of boards, committees and commissions. Expenses of the committee shall be provided by an annual appropriation in the general appropriation act. The Legislative Council shall provide such legal services as the committee may require in the performance of its duties.

Time Effective

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

Approved the 14th day of February, 1978

Appendix F

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| Study Committee on Aging Members Since 1959 | |
| 1959-60 | Rep. Martha Fitzgerald, Chairman Sen. Wilbur G. Grant Sen. John D. Long Rep. E. Forte Wolfe <i>Gubernatorial Appointees:</i> Dr. Wil Lou Gray Mr. O. T. Wallace Miss Nell Watson |
| 1960-61 | Rep. Martha Fitzgerald, Chairman Sen. Wilbur G. Grant Sen. John D. Long Rep. T. Ed Garrison <i>Gubernatorial Appointees:</i> Dr. Wil Lou Gray Mr. O. T. Wallace Miss Nell Watson |
| 1962 | Sen. Wilbur G. Grant Sen. John D. Long Rep. E. Windell McCrackin Rep. T. Ed Garrison <i>Gubernatorial Appointees:</i> Dr. Wil Lou Gray Mr. O. T. Wallace Miss Nell Watson |
| 1963-1968 | <i>Inactive</i> |

1969-71 Sen. Richard W. Riley, Chairman
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 Rep. James E. Moore, Secretary
 Sen. J. Kenneth Rentiers
 Sen. Hyman Rubin
 Rep. Patrick B. Harris
 Gubernatorial Appointees:
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 Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman
 Mr. R. Carl Woodle

1972 Sen. Richard W. Riley, Chairman
 Rep. Isadore Lourie, Vice-Chairman
 Rep. James E. Moore, Secretary
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- 1980 Sen. Hyman Rubin, Chairman
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